

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Ensuring low-income seniors and persons with disabilities have access to necessary services that help them remain safely at home has been a top priority for my Administration. To that end, my Administration secured an unprecedented waiver that provided California more \$1.7 billion in new federal funds to support the In-Home Supportive Services program, generating approximately \$100 million in local savings annually. Further, California's minimum wage increase, which I signed into law, will strengthen the In Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program and lead to a raise for more than 10,000 IHSS providers.

While I strongly support making prompt and stable payments to local government and championed a constitutional amendment to protect local government revenues, I am unable to support Assembly Bill 2469. This bill would make one program - IHSS - a higher priority for county funding than other critical programs and services funded by realignment revenues including child welfare services, adult protective services, mental health care, and health care services for children with disabilities and chronic illnesses.

I am concerned that AB 2469 shifts costs from counties to the state and puts at risk services for children, seniors and persons with disabilities. Accordingly, I am returning AB 2469 without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger